IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: METHOD OF SLITTING A BATTERY SEPARATOR-USE RESIN FILM OBJECT AND SUCH A BATTERY SEPARATOR-USE RESIN FILM OBJECT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

4. (Amended) A battery separator-use resin film object obtained by using the slitting method according to claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

- 5. A battery separator-use resin film object obtained by using the slitting method according to claim 2.
- 6. A battery separator-use resin film object obtained by using the slitting method according to claim 3.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Claim 4 has been amended to delete an improper multiple dependency. Claims 5-6 have been added to retain the same scope of coverage as in claim 4 prior to the present Preliminary Amendment. The public should be advised that the present Preliminary Amendment is not considered or intended to be a narrowing amendment surrendering any equivalents.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

4. A battery separator-use resin film object obtained by using the slitting method according to any one of claims 1-to 3.

Claims 5-6 are added as new claims.